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FOOD ADULTERATION CASES—VAKIL'S FEE—REQUEST OF THE TRICHUR MUNICIPALITY

325. Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Trichur Municipality has passed any resolution requesting the Government to meet the Vakil's fee for Rs. 100 to be paid for the Vakil briefed by the Trichur Municipal Council for conducting the cases prosecuted by the Municipality against a few Trichur merchants under the Food Adulteration Act which was withdrawn under Government orders ;

(*b*) if so, the decision of the Government on the resolution of the Municipality ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The request was disallowed.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* What was the result that prompted the Municipality to request this money from the Government ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The Municipality said that because the withdrawal was ordered without consulting them, they were not bound to bear the cost of the suit.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether their case was that if they had been allowed to proceed with the case, the case would have ended in conviction.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the Government has interfered in such cases in the case of any Municipality?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Governent):* I want notice.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the Government think it is not their moral duty to pay this Rs. 100 because they interfered unnecessarily ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No. Government do not think so.

SPECIAL REVENUE OFFICER—GRADE OF PAY

326. Mr. K. R. Achyuthan *(Trichur-Ezhuvas):* Will Government be pleased to state the name and present grade of pay of the Special Revenue Officer and his previous grade and permanent post?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Name Mr. K. Kumara Menon. Present grade Rs. 150—250. Previous grade Rs. 100—150. Permanent Post Additional Revenue Inspector, Ernakulam Town.

Mr. K. R. Achyutan (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*) : May I know, Sir, the pay of this officer's permanent post ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu (*Diwan Peishkar*) : Rs. 60—80.

Mr. K. R. Achyutan *(Ezhuas-Trichur):* May I know why this officer was promoted over the heads of several others ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* It is not a question of promoting over the heads of others. He was first put in charge of the acquisition when the demand was for the acquisition of 40 acres for naval purposes. Then he was given Rs. 80—100, because this was a work which had to be pushed on in the twinkling of an eye. We got an order and we had to finish it off in the course of a few days. He was selected because he was the best man. He worked very beautifully. And when the demand for acquisition for various military purposes came one after another and the work increased, his pay was raised from Rs. 100 to Rs. 150. Then again, almost the whole of the Venduruthi Island was acquired and other work in connection with military requisitions and other things had to be done. The work was really tremendous for one man and he was doing it to the satisfaction of all concerned. So, it was thought that he deserved this pay. I would consider that even this pay is insufficient for the work he does.

Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon *(Ernakulam-Women):* May I know whether this pay is given by the Government of India.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Yes.

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